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TITLE: METHOD FOR ACTIVATING AND)
DERIVATIZING CELLULOSE)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the application, kindly amend the enclosed English language translation thereof as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please delete the title of the translated document appearing in page 1 and insert therefor a revised title reading: --Method for Activating and Derivatizing Cellulose--;

And substitute for the present page 17, a page containing an abstract, the enclosed revised page 17 that reads as follows:

--METHOD FOR ACTIVATING AND DERIVATIZING CELLULOSE

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

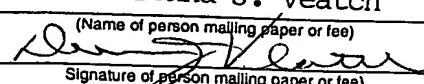
A process for activating cellulose is disclosed. The process entails the steps (a) dissolving cellulose in water-containing tertiary amine oxide, (b) coagulating the dissolved cellulose and optionally (c) alkalizing the cellulose obtained in (b). The cellulose derivative of the invention exhibits improved solubility and is largely free from fiber and gel particles.--

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